

# ND Department of Public Instruction

## 2015 Secondary Transition Interagency Conference

### ***“Launching Opportunities”***

**Wednesday, November 18, 2015**  
 Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, Bismarck, ND

### ***Agenda***

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks & Overview of the Conference: Gerry Teevens & the Secondary Transition Community of Practice	<b>Heritage</b>
8:15 a.m.	Keynote: Mallory Cyr: “From the Red Sox to the Rockies”: Personal Story and Best Practices, and Lessons Learned from a Multi-State Transition	<b>Heritage</b>
9:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical Issues Facing Transition Age Youth Receiving Social Security Disability Benefits</li> <li>Autism and Employment – Preparing for Life after High School</li> <li>The Hidden Curriculum</li> <li>BEYOND Program: Creatively Teaching Transition Curriculum</li> <li>Transition Assessment Matrix Walk Through</li> </ul>	<b>Senate</b>  <b>Chamber Congress Room 106 Room 114</b>
10:30 a.m.	Break & Community Connections Exhibits	<b>Judicial</b>
11:00 a.m.	Keynote: Melinda Jacobs: “Transition Services and the IDEA”	<b>Heritage</b>
12:00	Lunch	
12:30 p.m.	Linda Olsrud: The Life Changing Value of Art for Youth in Transition	<b>Heritage</b>
1:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transition: Student Involvement in Learning about Classes</li> <li>Case Studies – Transition and the Law</li> <li>Apps to Support a Successful Transition</li> <li>Teen Night Out Program</li> <li>Successful Transition Strategies for Students with Hearing Impairments</li> </ul>	<b>Senate</b> <b>Chamber Congress Room 106 Room 114</b>
2:15 p.m.	Break & Community Connections Exhibits	<b>Judicial</b>
2:45 p.m.	Melinda Jacobs: “Critical Issues in Transition”	<b>Heritage</b>
3:45 p.m.	Mark Coppin: “Assessing Abilities”	<b>Heritage</b>
4:30 p.m.	Wrap Up for the Day	

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7:30 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:00 a.m.	Welcome: Gerry Teevens & Kevin McDonough, “Transition in North Dakota”	<b>Heritage</b>
8:30 a.m.	Keynote: Steve Wooderson, Council of State Administrators of Vocational “Transition and the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act – “How did we get here and where are we going now?”	<b>Heritage</b>
9:30 a.m.	Break	
9:45 a.m.	Concurrent sessions	
	• A Joint Venture in Providing Pre-Employment Skills Training to Students	<b>Senate</b>
	• Identifying and Implementing Educational Strategies and Interventions for High School Students with ASD	<b>Chamber</b>
	• The Importance of Recreational Activities for Students in Transition	<b>Congress</b>
	• An Advocacy Prospective on Transition	<b>Room 106</b>
	• Beyond One Day at a Time: Planning for a Child with Special Needs	<b>Room 114</b>
11:00 a.m.	Keynote: Matt Klare: “Don’t Call Them Dropouts” National Center on Technical Assistance in Transition (NCTAT) Kevin McDonough NCTAT Technical Assistance Grant	<b>Heritage</b>
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
12:45 p.m.	Transition and the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act: What Does it Mean for ND? Russ Cusack & Barb Burghart	<b>Heritage</b>
1:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	• Identifying and Implementing Educational Strategies and Interventions for High School Students with ASD	<b>Senate</b>
	• Transition – What ND Parents are Telling Us	<b>Chamber</b>
	• Personal Decision Making – Alternatives to Guardianship	<b>Congress</b>
	• Transition to Higher Education for Students with Disabilities	<b>Room 106</b>
	• West Fargo Transition Academy: A Light for Learning Transition to Adult Life	<b>Room 114</b>
2:45 p.m.	General Session: Stephen Hinkle, M. Ed, Disability Rights Advocate “Planning for Life after High School”	
3:45 p.m.	Closing Keynote: T. Marni Vos: “Things to Consider in the Business of Life”	
4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks: Credit Forms and Evaluations	